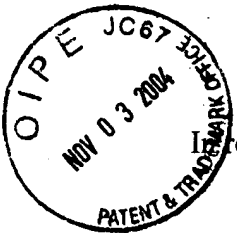


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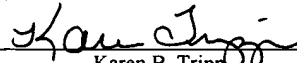


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 26, 2004. An extension of time is not believed needed for this response. However, in the event that the Commissioner determines an extension to be needed, the Commissioner is requested to grant such extension and is authorized to charge the fee for same to undersigned's deposit account, 50-0807.

The Examiner has advised that Applicants failed to provide claim identifiers for original claims 11 and 12. Resubmission of the amendment to the claims portion of the preliminary amendment filed October 8, 2003 for this divisional application consequently must be corrected and resubmitted.

Accordingly, Applicants have added "Original" as a claim identifier for original claims 11 and 12. Please enter the following amendment.